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SO ARE WORKING
CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
THE FIRST THINGS TO DETERIORATE
IN AN RECESSION, THEN?



DIDN'T THE EXECUTIVES
JUST GET NEW CARS
NOT LONG AGO?

RACING GAME DEPT.

HEAD

NITRO

AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT DEPARTMENT JUST
GOT THEIR OWN GUARDIAN.
DIDN'T IT?!!

SHOUT

SHOUT

I'M JUST SURPRISED
TO SEE YOU IN A MEETING
FOR THE FIRST TIME, SORRY!

YOU CAN SIT IN
THE ADULT GAME DEPARTMENT'S
SEAT, SINCE THEY NEVER SHOW UP.

ALRIGHT.



HEY~
MR. MANUAL~

TAP



I HEARD A LITTLE GUY
FROM MY DEPARTMENT'S
BEEN HELPING YOU
OUT LATELY~

ACTION GAME DEPT.
HEAD
COMBO



HEH, HEHE.
IT'S ALL OVER SOON.
EVEN THIS CANDLE WILL
BE EXTINGUISHED...

SQUIRM
SQUIRM

ADVENTURE GAME DEPT.
HEAD
POINT & CLICK

SHAKE
SHAKE

STOP BEING
SO GLOOMY!!



IT JUST
HAPPENED
NATURALLY.

FLIP



AH, I SEE.
I'M NOT FAMILIAR
WITH THE PART
AFTER THIS EITHER,
SO I'M A BIT
WORRIED.



CAN'T WE ASK
THE OLD GM GUY FOR
HELP?

MUNCH
MUNCH



FREEZE

AND PUZZLE DEPT! IF YOU DON'T
START SECURING SOME OF
YOUR OWN SHARES, I'LL MERGE
YOU WITH THE MOBILE DEPARTMENT!!



YES, SIR.

PUZZLE GAME DEPT
HEAD
JIGSAW

DON'T TELL US THIS JUST
BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT YOUR EYES
FIXED ON THE NUMBERS—DO YOU THINK
WE WANT TO PERFORM BADLY?

TAP
TAP





FROM THE OLD MAN TO THE FAIRY,
THERE'S NOT A SINGLE PERSON
AROUND HERE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND.

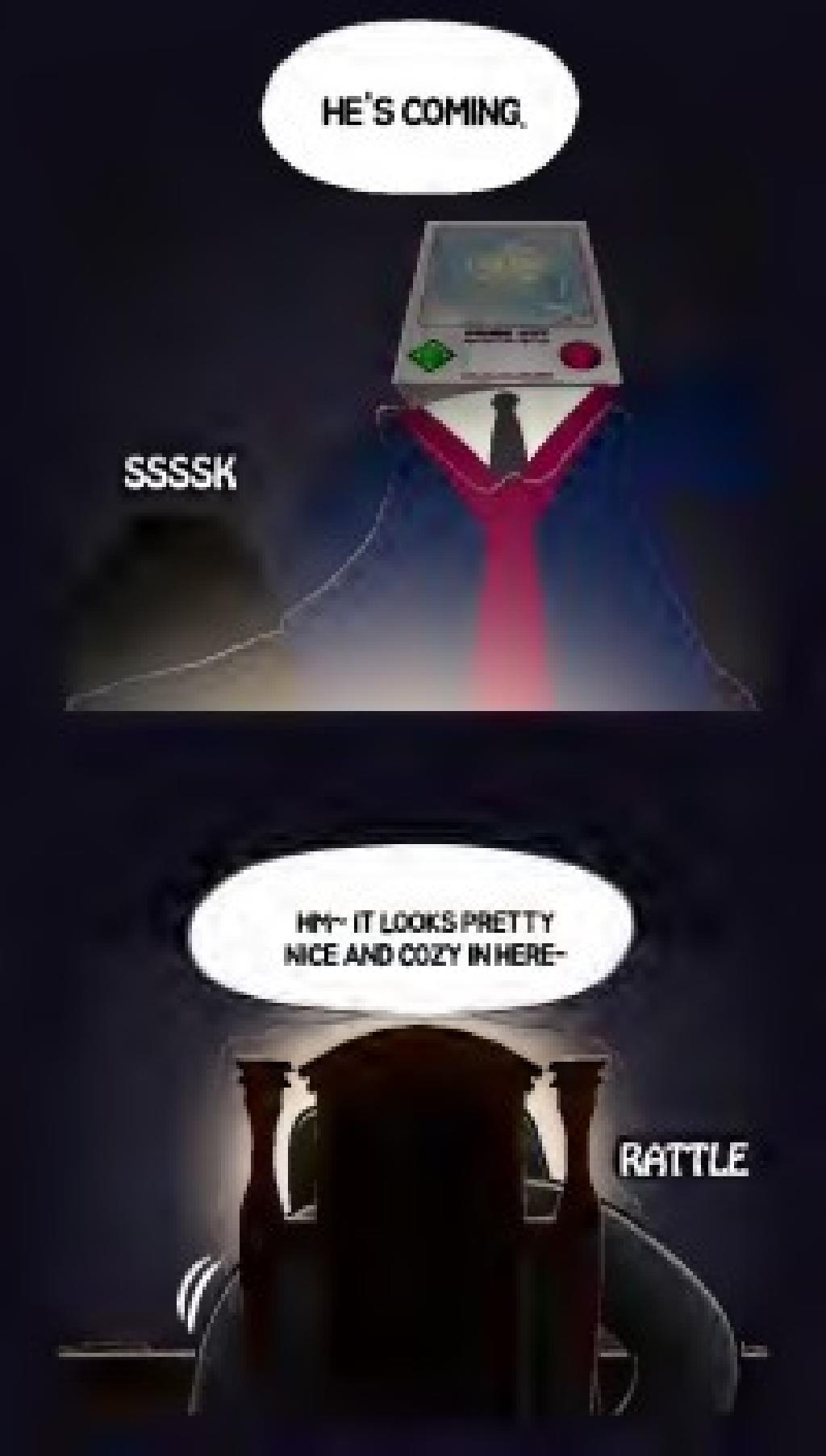
CRUNCH

NOW NOW~
YOU SHOULDN'T
DEVALUATE THEM
LIKE THAT~



IT'S THANKS TO THE OLD MAN THAT
THIS PLACE HAS MANAGED TO AT
LEAST KEEP IT TOGETHER THIS MUCH.

HMPH,



HE'S COMING.

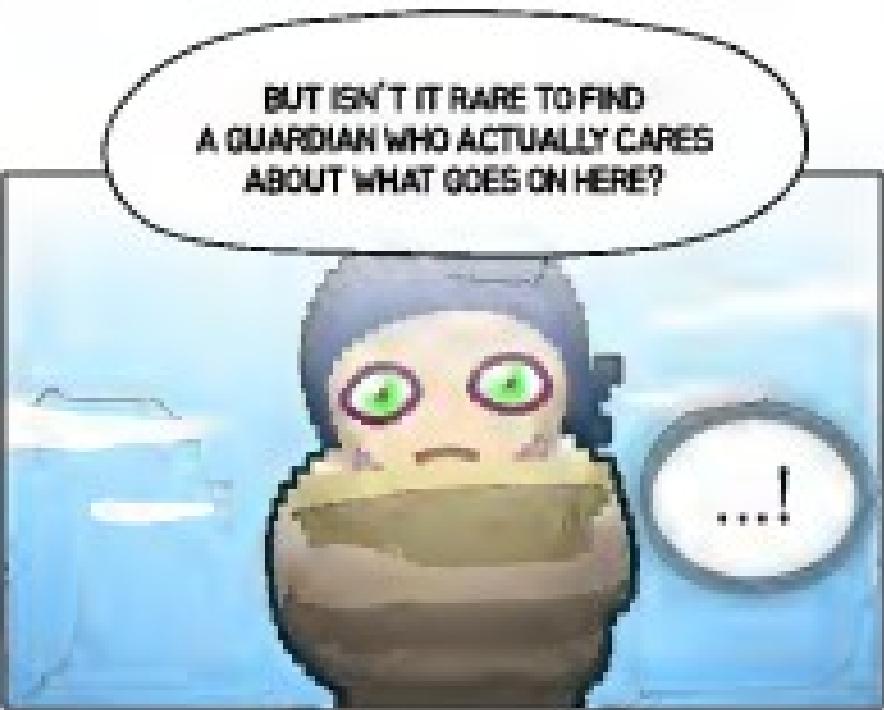
SSSSK

HMM- IT LOOKS PRETTY
NICE AND COZY IN HERE-

RATTLE



AND THAT AGENT PATCH
IS ALSO A BLESSING~
BUT I DON'T REALLY
LIKE THE WAY HE TALKS
THOUGH.



BUT ISN'T IT RARE TO FIND
A GUARDIAN WHO ACTUALLY CARES
ABOUT WHAT GOES ON HERE?



THERE'S
SOMEONE
MISSING.

IS EVERYONE
HERE?

HM, THE MOBILE
DEPARTMENT
IS STILL NOT HERE



THEY WERE NICE...

GUARDIANS OF THE VIDEO GAME

STAGE 33 - THE THIRTEENTH GUEST

BAHAHAHAHA!!!!



PANG





AH, WELL... A LOT OF
HEROES NOWADAYS ONLY
MAKE IT AS FAR AS OUR TOWN
AND THEN STOP PLAYING.

SO WE'VE KIND
OF LOST CONTACT...



GO EASY ON HIM—
I DON'T WANT HIM
GETTING HURT—

TAP

WE'RE IN
A MEETING



BUT..

GLANCE

THE FPS DEPARTMENT
LEFT YOUR PATHETIC DIVISION AND
NOW THEIR RESULTS ARE GOING
THROUGH THE ROOF. AREN'T
YOU ASHAMED OF YOURSELF?!!

THANK YOU
GAIK

FPS GAME DEPT
HEAD
KILL / DEATH

YOU COULD AT
LEAST BE SIMPLE AND
LAST A LONG TIME LIKE
THE RPG DEPARTMENT!!

TIME IS
LIKE GOLD~!

RPG GAME DEPT
HEAD
DICE



LET'S GET STARTED.



HE SAID THE MAN HAS
A LOT OF CONTRACTS! CONTRACTS!!
THIS IS WHY THEY'RE DOING
SO WELL LATELY!!

WE'VE GOTTA
LET THOSE RAKING
IN THE DOUGH KEEP
ON RAKING!!!

HEHE.



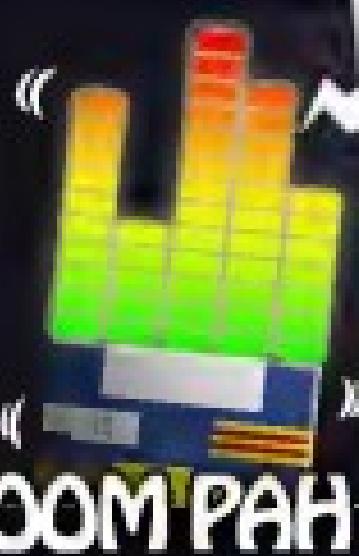


DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH~
THE PEOPLE IN THAT
TOWN WERE REALLY
NICE BEFORE~

OKAY!



YEAH.



WITH BUDGETS
DECREASING AND
EQUIPMENT GETTING
MORE AND MORE
EXPENSIVE

RYTHM GAME DEPT.
HEAD
EQ

STOP SOUNDING
SO DAMN HAPPY WHILE
YOU'RE SAYING THAT!!

HMM~ ALRIGHT~
I'VE GOT HIGH EXPECTATIONS
FOR TODAY~



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CHANG



YEAH,
IT WAS FUN!

TELL PATCH TO
LOSE HIS TEMPER
THOUGH!!

COME BACK
ANY TIME TO
HANG OUT!!

MAKE SURE YOU
SEE THE ENDING!!



ISN'T IT WONDERFUL
TO SAVE MONEY~?

GOTVG
EXECUTIVE
DLC

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DUN

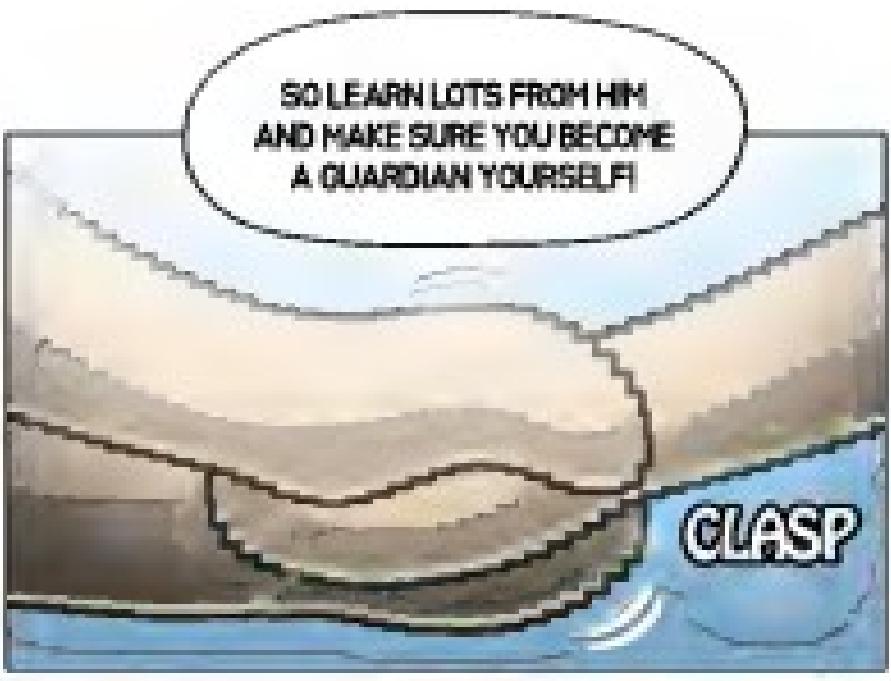
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...HM...

IS THE EXECUTIVE
ATTENDING TODAY.
THAT MR ID, BY
ANY CHANCE?

PROBABLY...



A hand is shown from the side, wearing a light-colored cuff bracelet, holding a small blue locket. The locket has a white, scalloped-edge clasp that is partially open. A speech bubble originates from this clasp.

SO LEARN LOTS FROM HIM
AND MAKE SURE YOU BECOME
A GUARDIAN YOURSELF!

CLASP

WE WOULDN'T BE
HAVING SUCH A SMALL
-SCALE MEETING

DUN

DUN



ALRIGHT,
YOU CAN HAVE A SEAT
AT THE END THERE!
MAKE YOURSELF
COMFORTABLE!!

CRACK



EVERYONE'S HERE
NOW, RIGHT?



YEAH



WE SHOULD
SET UP CANDLES IN
THE SUPPORT TEAM'S
MEETING ROOM TOO.
HUH?

I DON'T THINK
THAT'LL BE
NECESSARY.

MUMBLE

SHOOTING GAME DEPT.
HEAD
BULLET

YOUR DEPARTMENT'S
PERFORMANCE IS PART OF
THE REASON WE HAVE
TO DO THIS. YOU
HAS BEEN!!!

C L A N G

IF THERE'S NO MONEY,
THEN THE COMPANY STOPS WORKING.
AND IF IT STOPS, THEN YOU GUYS
CAN'T LIVE EITHER, SO THINK
OF THE COMPANY AS YOUR OWN HOME
AND TAKE SOME RESPONSIBILITY
FOR YOUR WORK~!

RATTLE

AH, YOU
STARTED EARLY.
SORRY I'M LATE.

STEP

HHL? WHAT ABOUT
MANAGER CHEAT?

H-HE'S GOT
A LOT OF CONTRACTS
TO HANDLE LATELY.
SO I CAME AS
HIS REPLACEMENT.

HUFF
HUFF

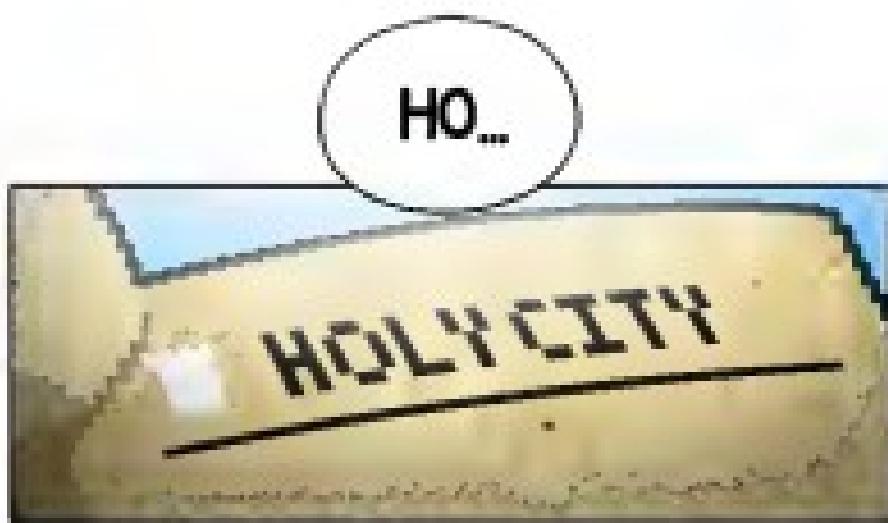
STILL, THIS IS
A MEETING FOR
THE MANAGERS!

NOW NOW~~~!!!

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COME BACK FOR
A CUP OF TEA IF YOU GUYS
MAKE IT TO THE END.





AREN'T WE LIKE
A MAJOR CORPORATION??!!
WHY'RE WE USING CANDLES TO
SAVE ELECTRICITY BILLS??!!

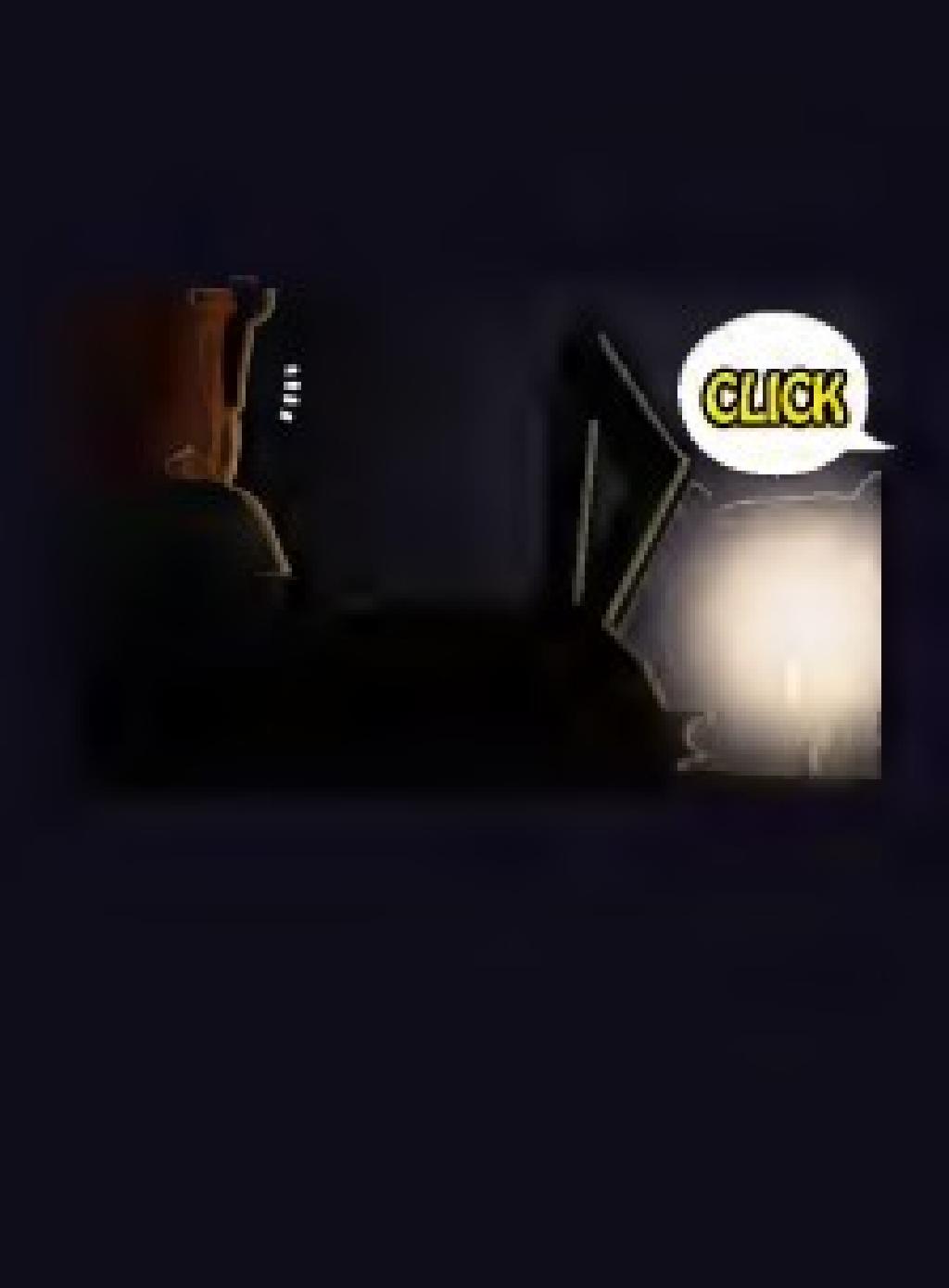
SPORTS GAME DEPT.
HEAD
MASCOT



THE WHOLE
BUSINESS WORLD'S
IN A BIG FUSS NOWADAYS.
WITH THE WHOLE RECESSION
AND EVERYTHING.

SIMULATION GAME DEPT.
HEAD
COMMANDER

IF IT WEREN'T HIM.



CLICK

HAN- I DON T
HAVE TIME FOR
THIS-

THE MOBILE
DEPARTMENT
HAS ARRIVED!

RATTLE

SORRY
I'M LATE!

DUN

DUN



Y-YOU WANT ME TO
ASK THE OLD MAN TO
HELP US DO THIS
"BY THE MANUAL" ?

HIC

HIC

HM_I CAN HEAR
THE MANUAL BEING
TORN TO SHREDS
ALREADY..



BESIDES, AGENT PATCH
ASSIGNED THIS TO ME..
IF I DON'T DO IT MYSELF,
IT'S MEANINGLESS..

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AGENT PATCH FROM
THE CLASSIC GAMES
DEPARTMENT
HAS ARRIVED!



CHIK